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FOLLOWING IS THE EDITORIAL ENTITLED "QUIET AND DANGEROUS"  
FROM THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS, FEBRUARY 22 MENTIONED  
REF TEL. EVENING CHINA NEWS IS THE SMALLER OF TWO TAIPEI  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES WITH A CIRCULATION OF 20,000.  
QUOTE: NOW UNDER WAY IN THE UNITED STATES IS A QUIET  
CAMPAIGN TO TRANSFER AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP FOR THE CHINESE  
FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

ONE GOAL IS TO WRITE OFF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WITH  
NEGLECT OR THE DISPARAGEMENT OF "OH, IT'S JUST A SMALL  
ISLAND WITH A FEW MILLION PEOPLE."

AT THE SAME TIME, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE BUILT  
UP WITH EXAGGERATIONS ABOUT THEIR SOCIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
AND CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

BEHIND THE WHOLE MOVEMENT IS THE CALCULATED  
ATTEMPT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF INEVITABILITY  
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CONCERNING U.S. RECOGNITION OF PEIPING AND RUPTURE OF

THE DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

NO ONE CAN PROVE U.S. GOVERNMENTAL COMPLICITY  
MAYBE THERE ISN'T ANY.

THE FACT REMAINS THAT OFFICIAL PRONOUNCEMENTS OF  
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT--INCLUDING SPEECHES BY HIGH OFFICIALS  
AND NEWS AND FEATURE BROADCASTS OF THE VOICE OF AMERICA--  
GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO PRESENT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS  
IN A FAVORABLE CONTEXT WHILE STUDIOUSLY IGNORING THE  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

ANY MENTION OF TAIWAN, AND THIS IS RARE, INVOLVES  
ECONOMICS. CONSIDERING THAT THIS ISLAND PROVINCE  
CONTINUES TO BE ECONOMICALLY AS IMPORTANT AS THE WHOLE  
VAST MAINLAND, IT COULDN'T BE OTHERWISE. BUT EVEN THE  
ECO PMIC CREDITS ARE INTENDED TO SERVE A POLITICAL  
PURPOSE, SUCH AS "TAIWAN'S ECONOMIC VIABILITY DOES NOT  
DEPEND ON POLITICS."

THE REJOINDER TO THAT IS MAYBE NOT, BUT THE REPUBLIC  
OF CHINA'S SURVIVAL CERTAINLY DOES.

THERE IS SOMETHING ALMOST SICKENING ABOUT THE  
MAOISTS BEING LAUDED FOR THEIR INTEREST IN A CHINESE  
CULTURE WHICH THEY ARE SWORN TO DESTROY. COMMUNIST  
ARCHEOLOGISTS EXCAVATE ANCIENT SITES ONLY TO EXPOSE  
THE EVILS OF "SLAVE SOCIETIES" AND THE VAST SUPERIORITY  
OF THE PRESENT-DAY ANTHILL.

AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HOLD UP THE FIRST EMPEROR AS  
THE PRO-MAO PARAGON AND DEFEND THE BURNING OF THE BOOKS  
AND THE BURYING ALIVE OF THE SCHOLARS. TYRANNY IS  
HAILED BECAUSE IT DESTROYED THE SUPPOSED SLAVE SOCIETY  
OF CONFUCIUS. NOTHING IS SAID OF THE FAR WORSE  
LEGALIST BONDAGE WHICH FOLLOWED.

SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL ENDORSEMENTS OF RED  
CHINA HAVE COMPELLED FRIENDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA  
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TO ASSUME THE DEFENSIVE. THIS WAS CLEARLY SEEN IN BARRY  
GOLDWATER'S SENATE STATEMENT ON WASHINGTON-TAIPEI-PEIPING  
RELATIONSHIP.

THIS COUNTRY HAS DONE NOTHING WHICH REQUIRES  
DEFENSE. YET OUR FRIENDS ARE REQUIRED TO RETREAT TO  
A PSYCHOLOGICAL POSITION WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY NEGATIVE.

ROBERT S. ELEGANT, A CORRESPONDENT AND COLUMNIST WHO HAS BEEN REASONABLY OBJECTIVE, RECENTLY SAID THAT MOST CHINA SPECIALISTS FAVOR U.S. RECOGNITION OF PEIPING BUT THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS ARE BEGINNING TO WONDER WHAT WOULD BE GAINED. THIS IS A FAIR QUESTION.

BUT THEN HE GOES ON TO SAY THAT U.S. POLICY HAS BROUGHT RED CHINA INTO THE WORLD. ITS GOVERNMENT AND PHILOSOPHY HAVE CHANGED FROM REPRESSIVE MAOISM TO MODERATE PRAGMATISM. THIS IS AN OPINION, NOT A FACT. FINALLY, HE HOLDS UP "PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACT BETWEEN (MAINLAND) CHINESE AND AMERICANS" AS THE GREATEST ADVANCE AT ALL.

IN FACT, THERE IS NO CONTACT AT ALL, AS HAS BEEN TESTIFIED BY THOSE SERVING IN THE U.S. LIAISON OFFICE IN PEIPING AND BY A FEW CORRESPONDENTS WHO REPORT REALITY INSTEAD OF BUTTERING UP THE COMMUNISTS IN THE HOPE OF ANOTHER MAINLAND VISIT.

THE ONLY PEOPLE'S CONTACTS TAKE PLACE IN TAIWAN, AND WE THINK MR. ELEGANT KNOWS THAT. NO DOUBT THE VOICE OF AMERICA AND HENRY KISSINGER KNOW THAT CHINESE CULTURE IS FREE TO SURVIVE ONLY IN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

FINDING THE GROUND TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE PEO-PEIPING CAMPAIGN IS NOT EASY. FRIENDLY STATEMENTS IN OUR DEFENSE ARE WELCOME. BUT THERE IS ALSO NEED TO ATTACK, AND THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS HAVE A BETTER ACCESS TO THE U.S. COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA.

AS YET THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN PERSUADED THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS ARE FRIENDS AND THAT OLD

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FRIENDS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA DO NOT MATTER. THIS IS OUR RESERVOIR OF STRENGTH IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE ONE WITH WHICH WE MUST, AT ALL COSTS, KEEP IN TOUCH. MR. ELEGANT IS RIGHT ABOUT THE WRONG CONTACTS.

NOT EVEN THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS CAN FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME. EVEN IF 10 PER CENT OF AMERICANS DON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE PEIPING REGIME, THERE ARE 9 OUT OF 10 WHO DO. OF THESE, A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY ARE PREPARED TO REJECT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST' CAMPAIGN AND STICK WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

WE, THE REAL CHINESE, MUST STAND UP TO BE COUNTED, LEST THE COMMUNISTS GO ON GAINING GROUND BY DEFAULT.

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